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In Re Application of: )  
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For: A METHOD FOR GENERATING )  
HYPERMUTABLE ORGANISMS )

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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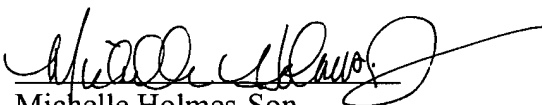
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Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time, up to and including January 10, 2005, to submit a Response to Final Office Action in the above-reference application. The Commissioner is authorized to debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 in the amount of \$225.00. If additional fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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